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In re Application of:)
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Nghi Van Nguyen et al.) Group Art Unit: 1751
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Application No.: 09/931,912) Examiner: E. Elhilo
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Filed: August 20, 2001)
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For: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING)
AT LEAST ONE HYDROXIDE)
COMPOUND AND AT LEAST ONE)
REDUCING AGENT, AND)
METHODS FOR RELAXING HAIR)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Each of the documents was first cited in an International Search Report ("ISR"), dated May 26, 2003, in the corresponding international application, International Application No. PCT/US 02/21849. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

A copy of each of the listed documents, including any co-pending applications, is attached. A copy of the ISR in International Application No. PCT/US 02/21849, is also

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attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Copy of International Search Report in PCT/US 02/21849 dated May 26, 2003.

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